

**Calendar Year (CY) 2024
Council on Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health (CCJBH)
Project Portfolio**

Council Meetings

CCJBH staff research, coordinate and facilitate the Full Council and Workgroup meetings. Meeting topics for CY 2024 are listed below.

Full Council Meeting:

- Substance Use Disorder Treatment
- CCJBH Medi-Cal Utilization Project (MCUP) Report
- Housing
 - Home and Community Development and California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) Reentry Housing Pilot
 - Advocates for Human Potential Projects
- CCJBH Lived Experience Contractors
- CDCR, Probation, and Sheriff's on Implementation of the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM)
CCJBH Public Health Meets Public Safety (PH/PS) Deliverables
- 988 Crisis Response

Juvenile Justice Workgroup:

- Restorative Justice for juveniles with behavioral health needs, focusing on community-based support and training programs and education for youth
- RAND Contract Closeout
- Gang Interventions
- Residential treatment in each county for SMI youth and youth needing residential treatment for substance abuse, including SB 823 youth with SMI
- Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative (CYBHI)
 - Part 1: California Department of Public Health Public Education and Change Campaign
 - Part 2: Universal Fee Schedule and New CalHOPE Kooth Mobile App
- California Department of Education Initiatives / Behavioral Health and Criminal Justice School Collaboratives

Diversion/Reentry Workgroup:

- Addressing Hiring and Barriers for Individuals with Lived Experience
- CDCR's Integrated Substance Use Disorder Treatment (ISUDT) Behavioral Health Peers and the Offender Mentor Certification Program SUD Counselor Certification
- Application of Risk Needs Responsivity
- California Department of Health Care Access and Information (HCAI): Justice System Involved Youth Behavioral Health Pipeline Other HCAI Behavioral Health Workforce Efforts

- CARE Act Update

CY 2024 Projects

In addition, CCJBH projects for each CY 2024 topic area are as follows:

Strengthening Treatment and Support Services

CalAIM

CCJBH remains actively committed to supporting the DHCS' CalAIM initiative, a multi-year effort to improve the quality of life and health outcomes of the Medi-Cal population by implementing broad delivery system, program and payment reforms. Since 2021, CCJBH has supported DHCS' CalAIM efforts by participating in a number of DHCS CalAIM workgroups. In 2023, CCJBH worked with DHCS and other system partners to develop a number of resources to better support justice system partners in the implementation of CalAIM, including updating the [CalAIM Factsheet](#); a [CalAIM 101 overview webinar](#) presented by DHCS; and an [informational flyer](#) to instruct justice system partners on how to make a referral to request an Enhanced Care Management (ECM) Assessment for justice-involved individuals with behavioral health needs (BH/JI) who are under community supervision. Currently, CCJBH is supporting DHCS' CalAIM efforts by participating in the following DHCS CalAIM workgroups:

- DHCS CalAIM Behavioral Health Workgroup
- DHCS CalAIM Children/Youth Workgroup
- CalAIM Data Sharing Advisory Group Meeting
- DHCS CalAIM Justice-Involved Workgroup

2024 Deliverable: Continue to support DHCS and state and local justice system partners with the implementation of CalAIM.

Juvenile Justice Compendium and Implementation Toolkit

CCJBH and the RAND Corporation entered into a contract in 2022 to develop a compendium, toolkit and training plan to support youth who have been traditionally remanded to Division of Juvenile Justice, but now remain at the county level under the jurisdiction of county probation as a result of SB 823. In 2023, the RAND Corporation completed the [Evidence-Based and Emerging Practices and Programs Compendium](#) that explores 234 evidence-based, emerging, exploratory, and harmful programs and practices by providing information on the program/practice characteristics and outcomes. The information in the compendium is displayed through Tableau and includes filtering capabilities to search for the programs/practices that meet certain criteria.

The development of the compendium and toolkit has been informed by two Community Advisory Boards (CABs), one of which is comprised of system-level representatives and the other of individuals with lived experience. In addition to these CABs, the Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR) has been an essential partner throughout the duration of the contract and provided feedback on the development of the work products.

2024 Deliverable: The *System Capacity Development Toolkit* is expected to be completed in early 2024 and builds off the information in the compendium to provide counties with the

necessary infrastructure and capacity information to implement the program/practice, including cost, necessary staff, and potential funding sources. The *Training and Technical Assistance (TTA) Plan* will be due in April 2024, at the end of CCJBH's contract for this project, and will serve as a resource that counties may use to secure the relevant training and technical assistance to implement the programs/practices outlined in the compendium and toolkit. The RAND Corporation and OYCR will collaborate to formulate a plan for implementation of the TTA Plan.

Words 2 Deeds

Since its establishment in 2003, Words 2 Deeds (W2D) has been a leading force in advancing the intersection of criminal justice and mental health. This initiative, renowned for its transformative impact, has set the standard for fostering collaboration among courts, criminal justice agencies, mental health professionals, and various organizations. In a noteworthy move to enhance their support, CCJBH has allocated approximately \$166,000 to further W2D's mission, reinforcing their commitment to this cause.

2024 Deliverable: CCJBH will partner with the MHSOAC through an Inter-Agency Agreement to combine funds to bolster the annual conference, provide technical assistance to CCJBH, and support upcoming changes to track key metrics related to the BH/JI population.

Housing/Homelessness

California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal ICH)¹

CCJBH, along with CDCR's Division of Adult Parole Operations (DAPO), is assigned to provide "key staff" support to the CDCR Secretary, who is a statutorily appointed Cal ICH Councilmember. CCJBH works with DAPO and the CDCR Division of Adult Programs (DRP) to provide quarterly reports on the progress of CDCR's commitments that are specified in Cal ICH's [Action Plan for Preventing and Ending Homelessness in California](#). CCJBH is continuing to facilitate / coordinate efforts with the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), DAPO and DRP on the [Home American Rescue Plan Reentry \(HOME-ARP\) Housing Pilot Project](#), approved by HUD in October 2023. CCJBH also continued to track housing efforts being led by HCD, California Department of Social Services (CDSS) and DHCS in order to advocate for opportunities to ensure the BH/JI population will benefit from the State's current historic housing investments.

2024 Deliverable: Quarterly Cal ICH Action Plan updates and other ad hoc assignments / projects, as needed.

Workforce

CCJBH will continue to track and be involved in state efforts (e.g., HCAI's Community Health Worker (CHW) and Behavioral Health Wellness Coach certifications; the California Mental Health Services Authority's (CalMHSA) Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialty) that focus on the expansion of the behavioral workforce, including the utilization of peers across the multiple

¹ On September 29, 2021, Governor Newsom signed [AB 1220](#) into law, which renamed the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council to now be called the California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal ICH), and restructured CalICH to include the CDCR Secretary (among other new appointees)

sectors that serve the BH/JI population (e.g., behavioral health and criminal justice systems, health, housing, and social services). In addition, CCJBH plans to continue highlight programs and services that assist individuals who are justice involved and have behavioral health conditions to employment opportunities.

2024 Deliverable: Ongoing participation and feedback to CalMHSA and HCAI, as requested. Similarly, CCJBH will continue to feature presentations during the Diversion/Reentry Workgroup meetings that highlight workforce development and employment opportunities for the BH/JI population.

Data

Medi-Cal Utilization Project

In FY 2016-17, CCJBH received ongoing funding to establish the CDCR/DHCS MCUP. Leveraging the Statewide Inter-Agency Data Exchange Agreement, data sharing between CDCR and DHCS was re-authorized in CY 2021, CCJBH has analyzed data for individuals released in Fiscal Years (FYs) 2018-19 and 2019-20, examining Medi-Cal enrollment rates and mental health and substance use disorder services utilization. Data analyses indicate that, even though the majority of individuals transitioning from CDCR facilities are enrolled onto Medi-Cal within one year of release, Medi-Cal beneficiaries transitioning from incarceration with identified behavioral health needs are not utilizing or engaging in behavioral health services at expected rates across all Medi-Cal behavioral health delivery systems, and especially for SUD services.

2024 Deliverable: CCJBH will analyze and report on data for individuals released FYs 2020-21 and 2021-22, seeking to include additional data elements to expand on previous analyses to include the connection of CDCR releases to ECM and Community Support Services.

Public Health Meets Public Safety

The CCJBH [Public Health Meets Public Safety](#) (PH/PS) Framework and Data Visualization was initially established in consultation with the Council on State Governments (CSG) Justice Center through a contract that ended on December 31, 2022.² The project utilizes publicly available data to track and monitor data that can be used to inform policies to reduce the number of adults and young people with behavioral health needs in California's justice system.

² As part of the contract the CSG Justice Center provided CCJBH with the final contract deliverables, which included the [Introduction to Public Health Meets Public Safety Framework](#) and [Public Health Meets Public Safety Final Report](#), as well as an initial version of the [PH/PS Data Visualization](#). Similarly, during the April 2023 CCJBH Full Council meeting, CCJBH Councilmembers voted to approve an interagency agreement (IA) with the University of California, Berkeley (UC Berkeley) that would expand the PH/PS Data Visualization, which ended on August 30, 2023. Correspondingly, during the July 28th Full Council meeting, CCJBH Councilmembers voted to approve a new IA with UC Berkeley, the Possibility Lab for FY 2023-25. To continue building the PH/PS Framework, in 2023 CCJBH also sought and was awarded a one-year analyst position, referred to as a Resident Corrections Analyst (RCA), as part of the Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI), funded by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA).

2024 Deliverable: Under contract with the UC Berkeley Possibility Lab³, CCJBH will work to expand the PH/PS Data Visualization to include treatment and crisis data, as available, gathering stakeholder feedback to inform data visualization development. The Possibility Lab will also provide technical assistance and training to CCJBH's Lived Experience contractors on how to leverage data for advocacy efforts. CCJBH will also work with stakeholders to develop PH/PS Data Visualization fact sheets, informational briefs, and use case scenarios to support the development of policies, programs, and services to improve outcomes for the BH/JI population, as well as produce documentation of protocols for retrieving, cleaning, and standardizing PH/PS Data Visualization data.

2025 Goals

While CCJBH is not directly responsible for these goals, the Council holds an important role in using data to identify and highlighting successes, as well as target areas for improvement. Ideally, in addition to anchoring and guiding CCJBH Full Council and workgroup discussions, this information is used to inform and shape relevant policy and programmatic decisions. In the 2019 CCJBH Annual Legislative Report, the Council established the following four system-level policy goals to improve outcomes by 2025.

- Goal #1: The prevalence rate of mental illness and SUD in jails and prisons should be similar, if not equal to, the prevalence rate of mental illness and SUD in the community.
- Goal #2: Community-based services, particularly residential, are robust enough to meet demand starting with ensuring that those with multiple needs are not left behind due to their numerous and complex challenges.
- Goal #3: Through consistent dedication to workforce development, quality education and training, and on-going technical assistance to an array of service providers and partners, Californians benefit from professionals having core competencies that provide effective integrated correctional and behavioral health services to achieve recovery and reduced recidivism.
- Goal #4: Through state leadership to support data-driven practices and policymaking among criminal justice and behavioral health systems, continuity of care and desired public safety and health outcomes improve significantly.

In 2021 and 2022, CCJBH developed initial operational definitions and identified metrics using available data to operationalize these goals, which is reported in CCJBH's annual legislative reports.

2024 Deliverable: CCJBH will continue tracking the 2025 Goals and work to identify additional metrics for monitoring of BH/JI systems of care and outcomes.

Incompetent to Stand Trial Data Analyses

CCJBH strives to better understand historical trends for individuals deemed Felony Incompetent to Stand Trial (FIST) and Misdemeanor Incompetent to Stand Trial (MIST) and

³ The Interagency agreement with UC Berkeley Possibility Lab will be from FY 2023-25.

the outcomes for these individuals. In order to support and inform the discussions about the growing number of individuals who become Incompetent to Stand Trial (IST) in California, CCJBH has worked to facilitate discussions between the Department of Justice (DOJ) the Department of State Hospitals, Judicial Council and Mental Health Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC), to identify strategies to improve state-level data IST data quality and availability for individuals deemed FIST and MIST.

2024 Deliverable: CCJBH will continue to pursue cross-agency team discussions to identify strategies to remedy identified IST data quality issues.

Community Involvement

Lived Experience Projects

CCJBH ended the two projects funded by the MHSA that focus on individuals with lived experience in the behavioral health and criminal justice systems.

- California State University, Sacramento (CSUS) Lived Experience Project: Behavioral Health Services Utilization Beneficiary and Provider Listening Sessions

On June 30, 2023, the CSUS Lived Experience Project concluded with the development of the listening sessions summary report to partner agencies and stakeholders [Barriers to and Strategies to Improve Utilization of Medi-Cal Services Among Individuals Transitioning from Incarceration: A Summary of Beneficiary and Provider Listening Sessions](#), a report that provides recommendations for system and program changes that can improve services for the BH/JI populations and increase their participation in Medi-Cal programs. As part of 2024 activities, CCJBH will be disseminating the listening sessions summary report to partner agencies and stakeholders

2024 Deliverable: CCJBH will be disseminating the listening sessions summary report and will continue to explore opportunities to collaborate on projects that focus on improving the access of Medi-Cal services for the BH/JI population.

- Lived Experience Project (LEP) Contracts – During the April 2023 Full CCJBH Council Meeting, CCJBH Councilmembers voted to fund new LEP contracts for FY 2023-26. CCJBH staff will be using the ongoing annual MHSA allocation to establish four new LEP contracts, one state and three local-level contracts that are anticipated to start summer of 2024. These contracts will sustain and the expand the work that was accomplished by the FY 2020-23 LEP contracts and will focus on the following areas:
 - Elevating the perspectives and experiences of youth and adults with lived experience at the state and local level (e.g., integrate their voices in the planning and decision-making process;
 - Educating and increasing community awareness of the needs of the BH/JI population, including how the success of these individuals are a beneficial to community health and safety;
 - Promoting and fostering multi-disciplinary collaborations across the different systems that serve the BH/JI population included but not limited to

health, behavioral health, criminal justice, housing, and social services;

- Promoting the practice of employing individuals with LE (e.g., peers, community health workers, parents, and caregivers) within systems that serve the BH/JI population including but not limited to behavioral health, criminal justice, housing, and social services, requesting feedback from consumers and family members as needed;
- Gathering stakeholder feedback to help inform the decision-making process on projects and policy that impact the BH/JI population; and
- Leveraging the utilization of publicly available data, including using the PH/PS Data Visualization, to help inform the decision-making process on projects and policy that impact the BH/JI population.

2024 Deliverable: CCJBH staff will be releasing requests for proposals Winter 2024 and will be facilitating a kick-off meeting with selected LEP contractors, who will be implementing the first year of the LEP contracts in Summer 2024.

Education

Words to Deeds Investment

Since its inception in 2003, W2D has been a beacon of progress and innovation in the realm of criminal justice and mental health. This exceptional initiative has grown to become the gold standard for effecting a profound transformation in the relationship between these two critical sectors. By fostering enduring partnerships among courts, criminal justice agencies, mental health professionals, and governmental and nongovernmental organizations, W2D has consistently championed the cause of individuals with mental illness in our communities.

In a significant stance towards advancing their level of support, CCJBH allocated approximately \$166,000 to further the cause of W2D, in accordance with their longstanding commitment to the program and this new investment will support the 2024 annual conference, provide CCJBH with technical assistance and support the upcoming changes to the MHSA based on SB 326, the Governor's plan to modernize the way mental health care is delivered in California.

Special Webinars

CCJBH recognizes *May is Mental Health Awareness Month* and September's *Suicide Prevention Awareness Month* and *Recovery Awareness Month* by hosting weekly "Lunch-and-Learn" webinars throughout the months of May and September, along with resources disseminated weekly via the CCJBH listserv.

Weekly E-Newsletter

CCJBH continues to disseminate a weekly e-newsletter via a listserv that includes over 1,000 stakeholders representing diverse populations across California (e.g., behavioral health and criminal justice system partners, advocates, other individuals interested in CCJBH's efforts). The newsletter includes CCJBH project updates, announcements, Full Council and Workgroup Meeting dates, and upcoming events related to the BH/JI population. CCJBH's newsletter also shares information and updates on efforts related to

the BH/JI population that are underway by other system partners, highlights job opening to increase the BH/JI workforce and informs BH/JI stakeholders of statewide and national resources for funding opportunities and training sessions.

Annual Legislative Report

CCJBH is required to “file with the Legislature, not later than December 31 of each year, a report that shall provide details of the council’s activities during the preceding year. The report shall include recommendations for improving the cost-effectiveness of mental health and criminal justice programs.”

Legislative Tracking

CCJBH tracks legislation of interest in our mission to promote early intervention, access to effective treatments, a planned re-entry, and the preservation of public safety. For a complete list of the legislation tracked by CCJBH this year, please view our [Legislative Update](#).

California Budget Summaries

To ensure Councilmembers and stakeholders have efficient access to the California budget information relevant to the BH/JI population CCJBH continues to produce budget summaries after the release of the Governor’s Proposed Budget, the May Revision, and the Enacted Budget. Specifically, the relevant categories included in these budget summaries are for Health and Human Services, Housing and Homelessness, Judicial Branch, and Criminal Justice. The previous budget summaries can be found on the [CCJBH’s projects page](#), under Budget Summary.

Diversion, Equity and Inclusion

CCJBH works to address structural racism and disparities within California’s behavioral health system. Staff consistently work on integrating diversity, equity, and inclusion into policy development and engagement with stakeholders. Through participation in the CDCR/CCHCS Government Alliance for Race and Equity Ambassador Program, CCJBH advocates for policies promoting meaningful diversity, equity, and inclusion. The CCJBH GARE Ambassador undergoes training sessions aimed at recognizing and utilizing the strengths and contributions of individuals within the behavioral health and justice systems. This commitment ensures that CCJBH prioritizes cultural proficiency among its staff, fostering a more inclusive and sensitive approach in providing statewide services that honor diverse perspectives and traditions.

Ad Hoc Assignments/Projects

CCJBH also receives unplanned and/or ad hoc projects. One recent example of such efforts is the feedback CCJBH provided to DHCS on the Behavioral Health Community-Based Organized Networks of Equitable Care and Treatment (BH-CONNECT) Waiver.

Special Topics of Interest

To ensure coordination with other system partners, CCJBH staff attend stakeholder meetings, which include, but are not limited to:

- CalHHS 988/Crisis Policy Advisory Group
- Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC)

- California Health and Human Services Agency (CalHHS) Behavioral Health Task Force
- CalMHSA Advisory Group Meetings
- CYBHI
- Department of State Hospitals Diversion Program
- DHCS Behavioral Health Stakeholder Advisory Committee
- DHCS CalAIM Justice-Involved Advisory Group
- MHSA Partners Forum
- OYCR
- Stepping Up

CCJBH also assists with the following:

- Facilitating CDSS / CDCR Statewide Mental Health Program Referrals for Transitioning Parolees with developmental disabilities/intellectual disabilities
- Issue of Psychiatric Inpatient Hospitals Rejecting Small County Justice-Involved Clients
- Community Skilled Nursing Facility Capacity for Individuals Releasing from CDCR

In addition, CCJBH staff meet regularly with the following entities:

- Amity Foundation
- BSCC
- California Association of Alcohol and Drug Program Executives
- California Alliance of Children and Family Services
- CA Association of Local Behavioral Health Boards & Commissions
- California Health Policy Strategies
- CalHHS
- CalICH
- California Behavioral Health Directors Association
- California Behavioral Health Planning Council
- California Department of Public Health
- California Hospital Association
- Chief Probation Officers of California
- CSG Justice Center
- California State Sheriff's Association
- DAPO
- DHCS
- Full Circle Network
- LA Care
- Managed Care Plan Associations
- MHSAAC
- OYCR
- Rising Scholars
- Steinberg Institute
- Third Sector